
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I have to register?

A: Registration is strongly encouraged in order to participate in admissions-led events on campus. Walk-in visitors can be accommodated on a case-by-case basis.

Q: Will I need to wear a mask?

A: All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask when they are inside University buildings. Face coverings must fully cover the nose and mouth and have ear loops to securely hold it in place. Masking is not required for people who are outdoors on campus grounds. We advise that individuals wear medical masks or multiple-layer cloth masks; it is not sufficient to wear masks that are loose-fitting, such as neck gaiters, bandanas, or scarves.

Q: Is there limited space for events?

A: According to UChicago policy, all on-campus classrooms and event spaces may operate at full capacity if masks are worn by all in attendance. Efforts have been made to ensure presentation spaces will not be overcrowded, and tour sizes are limited to 25 people.

Q: Why do I need to provide my cell phone number?

A: All registrants must agree to be contacted via text or call for any day-of adjustments, and all visits will be subject to change or cancellation based on the evolving state of the pandemic and relevant policy.

Q: Can I change my guests prior to the visit?

A: Yes, you should email your [regional admissions officer](#) or collegeadmissions@uchicago.edu to provide the name, email address, and phone number for the new guest and the name of the guest who will no longer attend.

Q: Can I reschedule the visit?

A: Yes, please email your [regional admissions counselor](#) or collegeadmissions@uchicago.edu to cancel your current registration. Then, you can revisit to the registration page and sign up for whichever new time slot works for you.

Q: Can I travel from outside Illinois?

A: All visitors must adhere to the [City of Chicago Emergency Travel Order](#). For out-of-state visitors in an orange-dedicated state, a 10-day quarantine, negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of your arrival in Chicago, or being fully vaccinated are required.

Q: What is the schedule for a general visit?

A: Your visit will begin with a 45-minute admissions-officer-led presentation on academics, student life, the admissions process, and financial aid. Following the presentation is a 60–70-minute walking tour of campus led by a current student. Visits will last approximately two hours.

Q: What is the schedule for the Open Houses held on October 8th and October 11th?

A: Open House events will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at approximately 1 PM, and will consist of faculty-led model classes, campus tours, and presentations from UChicago staff including study abroad, career services, financial aid, housing, and selective admissions. A tentative schedule for the day can be found [here](#).

Q: Will any other buildings or facilities be open to explore on my own?

A: Tours will include stops inside several buildings including a student center and athletics facility. However, most University buildings are closed to non-affiliates of the University. Some buildings, like the Logan Center for the Arts or entrances to some libraries, will be accessible. After the tour you are welcome to explore the neighborhood of Hyde Park on your own time.

Q: Where should I stay in Chicago?

A: There are several hotel options to consider in Hyde Park, where campus is located. Some options include [The Sophy Hotel](#) and [Hyatt Place Hyde Park](#).

Q: Will the University have funding to assist in travel costs for visiting campus?

A: Students and their guests will need to provide for their own transportation and lodging costs when visiting campus.

Q: How do I get to campus?

A: Our website includes directions for reaching campus by [car](#), by [public transit](#), and [more](#).

Q: Where can I park?

A: As in any large city, parking can be difficult to find at times. If you are driving to campus, please allow at least 30 minutes to find a parking space. The University also has a pay-to-park visitor garage at the intersection of 55th Street and Ellis Avenue. Street parking, both free and metered, is also available throughout campus and the surrounding neighborhood of Hyde Park.

Q: What if I cannot schedule a visit?

A: Don't worry! UChicago will continue to host a series of virtual events through Zoom including information sessions, tours, model classes, and presentations from campus partners. You can find a full list of virtual options [here](#).